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January 8, 2003

Mr. C. Lesley Addis
Manager - Regulatory Matters
BellSouth Telecommunications
1600 Williams Street
P.O. Drawer 752
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

In Re - Docket No. 2001-204-C: Application for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications and Z-Tel Communications, Inc.

Dear Mr. Addis:

Your request for approval of the Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. was presented to the Commission for consideration during its Regular Business Session on January 7, 2003.

After consideration, the Commission approved this filing since it is consistent with the standards of Section 252(a)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and since it is not discriminatory and is consistent with the public interest in that it promotes competition.

Consistent with previous Commission Orders, the Commission finds that the terms of this Agreement are not to be considered as a precedential standard for other agreements, nor are they binding on any other communications carrier.

Sincerely yours,

David S. Lacoste
Utilities Department

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DATE January 7, 2003

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DOCKET NO. 2001-204-CUTILITIES DEPT. XXX

ORDER NO. _____

Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement Negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Z-Tel Communications, Inc., filed pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This amendment contains rates, terms and conditions concerning Trunk Ports. The effective date of this amendment is October 2, 2002 and the expiration date is November 29, 2002. Z-Tel was certified to offer local statewide local telecommunications services under Docket No. 1998-303-C.

COMMISSION APPROVAL:

Approve Negotiated Amendment to the
Interconnection Agreement between
Bell South Telecommunications, Inc.
and Z-Tel Communications, Inc.
APPROVED ✓

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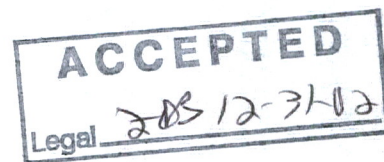
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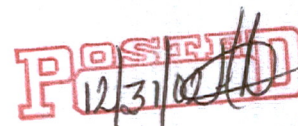
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Lacoste, David

From: Mattison, Jeanette [Jeanette.Mattison@BellSouth.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2002 9:28 AM
To: Lacoste, David
Subject: 2001-204-C Z-Tel Amendment



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December 17, 2002

Mr. David Lacoste
Public Service Commission of SC
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement
Negotiated by Z-Tel Communications, Inc. pursuant to Sections
251, 252 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996
Docket No. 2001-204-C

Dear Mr. Lacoste:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. are submitting to the South Carolina Public Service Commission their amendment to the agreement for the interconnection of their networks. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Act.

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. within 90 days of its submission. The Commission may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Both parties represent that neither of these reasons exists as to the agreement they have negotiated and that the Commission should approve their agreement.

The effective date of this amendment is October 2, 2002 and the expiration date is November 29, 2002.

12/23/2002

Very truly yours,

C. Lesley Addis

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